

mentioned as growing
about Albany & the
S. glabra which was the Mis-
souri: so that I suppose
my enquiries are an-
swered. If I do not hear
from you I shall consider
them so.

E Hitchcock

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Dear Sir,

I lately found
quite a cluster of
a species of *Spartina*,
growing on the rocky
banks of Connecticut
river in an obscure place
in South Hadley; 7 or 8
feet above tide water.
It is full five feet high,
but I cannot make it
agree well either with
the *S. cyrenoides* or *glabra*,
though it comes nearest
the former. The spikes

one from 8 to 10, alternate,
& pedunculate.

Now I have never
seen this genus out
of salt marshes, and
the simple enquiry
I wish to make, is, whether
its occurrence in any
place away from the sea,
would indicate salt in
the rock? It occurs upon
the red shale of this valley,
which has been supposed
to be the Trias, which, in
other countries, is the
seat of salt springs, or
solid rock salt. I

thought it possible
that this grass might
lead to some such discov-
ery in the present case;
but I am too rusty in
botany to decide the
question, & therefore
venture to ask your
opinion.

Respectfully &
sincerely yours

Edward Hitchcock

P. S. I had neglected
to look into Torrey's Flora
till this moment when
I find the *L. cynosuroides*